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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NYERERE'S VIEWS

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1. SUMMARY: NYERERE MARCH 28: A) REEMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF "FINISHING OFF" MALTA, B) REITERATES HIS CONVICTION THAT PF HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ACCEPT THAT RESIDENT COMMISSIONER MUST HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND LAW AND ORDER, AND C) OFFERS TO HOST IN DAR ES SALAAM BROAD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE WEST, IF THIS IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE VEHICLE FOR "FINISHING OFF" MALTA. END SUMMARY.

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2. PRESIDENT NYERERE CALLED ME TO MSASANI AFTERNOON MARCH 28. HE SAID HE HAD JUST FINISHED BRIEFING CANADIANS, FRENCH AND GERMANS (TOGETHER), AND NIGERIANS ALONG LINES HE HAD EARLIER GONE OVER WITH YOUNG AND ME. HE WANTED THEIR HELP TOO. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE HAD GONE OVER IN DETAIL WITH JOHN STRONG THE BRITISH POSITION ON POWER-SHARING AT MALTA. HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TELL STRONG THAT THE PF

ACCEPTED COMPLETE BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND LAW AND ORDER AND INTERNAL SECURITY. PF ALSO ACCEPTED UN FORCE. NYERERE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THE UK AND THE PF HAD BEEN CLOSED AND THAT MACHEL IN PARTICULAR HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN DOING SO. NOW, ALL WE NEEDED WAS MALTA FOLLOW-UP MEETING.

3. I MENTIONED TO NYERERE THOUGHTS THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND I HAD HAD ON THIS SUBJECT (REFTEL). HE SAID SALIM HAD TOLD HIM OF THESE. IN SUSEQUENT DISCUSSION, WE RULED OUT LOWER-LEVEL MEETING FOR REASONS SALIM HAD INDICATED AND ALSO ANY KIND OF "PRIVATE, TRADITIONAL, DIPLOMATIC" PRESENTATIONS BY UK AND US AMBASSADORS (WHICH THOUGHT HAD COME TO ME AS A RESULT OF DE PREE-MACHEL CONVERSATION). WE THEN RULED TO FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS' IDEA.

4. NYERERE LIKED THIS. HE SAID THAT THE FIVE SHOULD GO TO SOUTH AFRICA, STOP ANY SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORT TO PREEMPT ON NAMIBIA, COME ALONG TO DAR ES SALAAM TO HAVE TALKS WITH HIM ABOUT NAMIBIA AND OTHER AFRICAN QUESTIONS. HE WOULD HAVE NKOMO AND MUGABE HERE. US AND UK MINISTERS COULD "SPIN OFF" TO COMPLETE MALTA. ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE COULD THEN BE CALLED ANYWHERE WE LIKED. ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF DAR WAS THAT HE COULD CONTROL THE PF BETTER HERE. HE HAD GOTTEN A LOT OUT OF PF OVER THE WEEKEND AND HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT DIDN'T GO BACK ON ANY OF IT. "TELL PRESIDENT CARTER I WOULD LIKE TO TRY IT. MAYBE WE CAN SETTLE BOTH NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA AT THE SAME TIME" HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE WRITING THE PRESIDENT
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AND CALLAGHAN AGAIN SHORTLY.)

5. COMMENT: IF STRONG'S REPORT TO LONDON TODAY IS WHAT NYERERE EXPECTS IT TO BE, IT SHOULD BE A LOT EASIER FOR THE UK TO "GO BACK TO MALTA". I STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE GO WITH NYERERE'S PROPOSAL FOR THE FIVE WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS--AND THE SOONER THE BETTER. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY REACTION YOU MAY HAVE FOR HIM ASAP.
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